



**The Soil and Groundwater  
Technology Association -SAGTA**

***Sharing Experience  
Aids Policy to Practice***

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## SAGTA's Origins

- Originally formed in 1995 with support and assistance from government to act an authoritative “*sounding board*” of industry views on implications of emerging environmental legislation.
- Members:
  - Own property holdings
  - Are active in managing their land holdings
  - Have a primary interest is as users of technologies
  - Business interests in technology licensing are declared to the Association – in spirit of encouraging open exchanges



## **SAGTA's Aims and Objectives**

SAGTA's aims remain consistent with its original remit:

- Actively contribute to help translate policy into practice
- Stimulate and accelerate the development of the most cost-effective technologies and methodologies.
- Target areas where improvements can be made through working together



## **SAGTA Membership**

- Membership is on corporate basis (currently 18 members)
- Cross-sectoral representation from industry
  - Power/ energy
  - Nuclear
  - Chemical
  - Defence
  - Minerals
  - Development



## Members' Activities- 1

- Workshops
  - Involving industry / regulators / experts
  - Internal / external networking – to share experiences
- Reviews / consultations / working groups
  - UK research projects / programmes in contaminated land
  - National initiatives in good practice
- Specific initiatives
- Links to other Networks (e.g. NICOLE)



## Members' Activities - 2

- CL:AIRE
  - SAGTA was one of the original drivers and funder of the initiative
  - SAGTA contributes 2 CL:AIRE Board members and to the project review groups
  - Many CL:AIRE projects were initiated through and by SAGTA members
  - Collaboration on joint workshops with CL:AIRE



## Recent Workshops

- Risk Based Approaches in Land Contamination
- Planning and Consents
- Research into Land Contamination
- Effective use of Statistics
- Sustainable Remediation
- Mega and Large Sites
- Ecological Risk Assessment



## **Future Workshops in 2009**

- Training and Competences
- Soil Vapour Intrusion
- Waste – Reviewing operation of the new Code of Practices





## SAGTA's Outputs and Projects

- Workshop Position Papers on conclusions drawn:
  - Gaps and priorities
  - Areas where SAGTA can contribute
- Specific Initiatives
  - Statistics Guidance
  - Definition of waste Code of Practice
  - CLUSTER – small sites initiative
- Working Groups
  - Regulator and policy driven



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